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in heaven?

1 Cor. 15: 35-49

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Objection (v.35):

How is it possible that the dead are raised?
With what kind of body can the dead come
to life (be re-animated)?

i.e. corpses rise like zombies?

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Response (v.36-41):

You fool!

God is infinitely creative.

He makes different kinds of bodies according to His purposes.

A photograph of a young green plant sprout with one leaf growing out of dark soil. The plant is positioned on the left side of the frame. The soil is dark and textured. The entire image is enclosed in a white double-line border.

Seed dies
= kernel for
new body

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Different resurrection body (vv.42-44)

- Perishable vs Imperishable (no death)
- Dishonor vs Glory (no sin)
- Weakness vs Power (no sickness)
- Natural vs Spiritual

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■ 1 Cor. 15:45-49

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

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■ 1 Cor. 15:45-49

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

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■ 1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

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- Phil. 3:20-21 (ESV)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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How is Christ's resurrected body like?

- Physicality – be held and touched
- Bodily functions – could speak, eat fish and bread
- Not limited by space and time – pass through locked doors
- Retains form & personality - could be recognized!

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Matthew 23:31-32

But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

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When will we get eternal bodies?

- At His coming (1 John 3:2; 1 Thess. 4)

How about if I go to heaven before then?

Victory over death!

1 Cor. 15:50-58

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“Colton spied a plastic horse among his toys and held it up for me to look at. “Hey dad, did you know that Jesus has a horse?”

“A horse?”

“Yeah, a rainbow horse. I got to pet him.”

Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent, *Heaven is for Real...*, Nelson 2010, 63.

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“Well, what did you do in heaven?” I ventured.

“Homework.”

Homework? That wasn’t what I was expecting...”What do you mean?”

Colton smiled. “Jesus was my teacher.”

“Like school?” Colton nodded...

Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent, *Heaven is for Real...*, Nelson 2010, 71.

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“What does God look like?” I said. “God the Holy Spirit?”

Colton furrowed his brow. “Hmm, that’s kind of a hard one...he’s kind of blue.”

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Back from the dead in the Bible:

Lazarus (John 11:17)

Widow's son – Elijah raised (1 Kgs 17:17-24)

Eutychus (Acts 20:9-12)

No experience recorded.

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Paul's 3rd person narrative (2 Cor 12:2-4)

“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”

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1 Cor. 15



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